

trains there. He will report to us on these matters, but not attend to any details of the agency. Introduce him to Superintendent Barbour and the Mayor.

W. P. SMITH.

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H. Ferry, Oct. 21st, 1859—9.28 A. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

It has been quiet all night. There has been a guard kept on the Bridge by the citizens and the watchmen of the company all night. I understand that Gov. Wise has left orders with a Mr. Hunter to organize a company to patrol the town. I will see Mr. Hunter and render him all the assistance in my power. Mr. McMurphy and myself made the ticket office our headquarters, and at intervals throughout the night visited the guard to see that all was right.

The clerk of the hotel tells me that there was some twenty-five arrivals on the express West—the usual number being only four or five. I did not know what to make of it, as they registered from different parts of the country.

A. P. SHUTT.

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Washington City, 20th Oct., 1859.

*J. W. Garrett, Esq.,*

*Dear Sir:*—I arrived here from Harper's Ferry this evening. The marines having been ordered away from that place and departed, I organized an armed police guard to patrol the Virginia border, to protect persons and property, and to keep watch on the ways to and from the Ferry. This was done partly at the request of an agent of your Railroad company, and because no guard and no watch has been organized by the Federal authorities. Some guard ought to be provided on the Maryland side. I leave it to your company to suggest the necessary steps to the Governor of your State.

I have to make a request that you will take the trouble of an important commission, touching the prosecution of the criminal Brown and his associates. A gentleman informed me that one of the Baltimore volunteers, whom I do